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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEDURES: ARGENTINE FOOTWEAR

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1. DESPITE URGENCY OF OUR REQUEST, WE WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS WITH UNDERSECRETARY VARTALITIS AT MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND AMBASSADOR PEREZ VILLAMIL, DEPUTY TO UNDERSECRETARY BECKMAN OF FOREIGN MINISTRY UNTIL JULY 17 AND 18TH RESPECTIVELY. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF WHAT WE LEARNED FROM THESE TWO CONVERSATIONS.

2. GOA HAS NOT YET TAKEN FIRM DECISION ON HOW IT WILL REACT TO NOTICE OF COUNTERVAILING PROCEEDINGS. INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE NOW STUDYING MATTER AND SHOULD ARRIVE AT COORDINATED GOA POSITION EARLY NEXT WEEK. GOA WILL PROBABLY AGREE TO CONSULT WITH USG BUT NOT ON BASIS OF PROVIDING DETAILED INFORMATION ON THEIR EXPORT PROMOTION SYSTEM. GOA WILL, INSTEAD, PROBABLY ADVANCE SOME ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS, SUCH AS THAT WHICH VARTALITIS SAID HE FAVORS: A GOA AGENCY WOULD BUY SHOES FROM MANUFACTURER AND EXPORT THEM

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TO THE US.

3. VARTALITIES SAID HE BELIEVED NO OUTCOME INVOLVING APPLICATION OF ANY COUNTERVAILING DUTY, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOA.

4. BOTH VARTALITIS AND PEREZ VILLAMIL CLEARLY STILL HOPE THAT USG WILL MAKE POLITICAL DECISION NOT TO APPLY COUNTERVAILING DUTY DESPITE FACT THAT THEY HAVE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF US LAW. PEREZ VILLAMIL SAID WE COULD CHANGE OUR LAW IF WE WISH TO DO SO.

5. SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE NOTICE ALTHOUGH EVERYONE IN THE SHOE INDUSTRY IS AWARE OF IT. ONE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE SPECULATED THAT GOA IS HOLDING DOWN NEWS COVERAGE SO AS TO KEEP OPION OPEN. DECON 7/18/75.
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